

MAY 2025 50P

The Benefice of Acle and Bure to Yare

Acle: Beighton with Moulton: Freethorpe: Halvergate with Tunstall: Limpenhoe, Southwood and Cantley: Reedham Wickhampton



Reedham Bells as few have seen them. 'Bells 200' is on Sunday 18th May. Photo - Neil Thomas

OUTLOOK

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I was struck by some words of Archbishop Desmond Tutu quoted in Acle Churches Together Lent course: I am not an optimist: I am a prisoner of hope.

Wherever we look, there seems to be little ground for optimism at the moment: the climate and biodiversity crises (the subject of our course); enduring conflicts; global economic instability; unpalatable consequences of the financial pressures on government, councils, schools, businesses and households. But the more pessimistic we are about our ability to overcome these problems, either in the short term (conflict and economics) or even ultimately (climate and biodiversity) the more we need hope: just to enable us to keep going; to keep trying to turn the tide and head in a positive direction.

As the Archbishop's words imply, Christians don't really have the option of giving up or giving in, however tempting that may be. We believe in the loving purposes of God; in the resurrection of Jesus Christ; in the empowerment the Holy Spirit gives us to face the challenges that life, and forces opposed to God's ways, confront us with. Hope, St. Paul says, is one of the three things which last for ever. That doesn't mean that everything is going to turn out well for us, or we can just leave it all to God to sort out all the world's problems. There were those in Judah, egged on by the false prophets, who believed that the Lord would never allow their nation, monarchy and temple to be overrun: the word of the Lord through Jeremiah and other prophets was that, if they didn't do anything about it, he would; and he did. Just as God did not spare his own Son ... Another quotation from the course: Without God we cannot; without us he will not.

But God didn't leave his people there. Even among the words of these same prophets we find prophecies of restoration, albeit on the other side of disaster. They, like the late Archbishop, were *prisoners of hope*.

It's for us to latch on to, even originate hope. If we look, we will find options: actions we can take, attitudes we can adopt. Even if the odds appear to be against us; or if nobody else seems to be taking any notice: perhaps they are waiting for people like us to take the first step.

Christian Aid Week (11th - 17th May) is an annual expression, not only of compassion for those who suffer, but of hope: seeking to rebuild and restore after conflict; to build resilience in the face of catastrophic climate change; to empower people to be able to reap a reward form their labours, feed their families and resist injustice and oppression. Our hope for them strengthening their hopes for themselves. Envelopes will be distributed around Acle to as many houses as we can (can you help?): they can be dropped off at key locations in the village (including the Rectory and Carter's Butchers). Or, if you prefer, or don't live in Acle, donate via www.christianaid.org.uk – thank you.

In the hope-giving love of God,

Church Notes 4.

The Meeting of Parishioners for the election of churchwardens for Beighton with Moulton will be on Sat 3rd May at 11.00am, during the *Drop-in* at All Saints' Church.

The joint Annual Parochial Church Meeting for all parishes will be at Reedham on Sun I Ith May (Benefice Holy Communion at 9.30am, followed by coffee, prior to the meeting at I I.00am). All on an Electoral Roll are entitled to attend; reports for the meeting can be found at www.abychurches.co.uk/reports/

There are variations to what would normally be the I I am services on Sun 18th May:

- Acle: no service at St. Edmund's, but a joint service marking the end of Christian Aid Week at Acle Methodist Church at 11.00am, followed by a simple lunch.
- Reedham at 11.30am: A Service of Celebration marking 200 years since the recasting of the church bells.
- Freethorpe: no service at All Saints'; alternatives above, or at Freethorpe Methodist Church at 11.00am.

Ascension Day, 29th May: 7.00pm Deanery Holy Communion at Postwick Church – park at the nearby Village Hall (NR13 5HL).

Parish Registers Funeral

We commend to God's keeping:-

Pearl Iris Crosby, aged 89, on 31st March at All Saints', Beighton

BELLS 200!

A Celebration marking 200 years since the recasting of Reedham's Church Bells On Bell Sunday, 18th May, at Reedham Church

11am Ringing by Reedham Ringers

11.30am Service of celebration for the bells

12.15pm Open ringing for visiting ringers

I-3pm Tower Open for all visitors to see the bells and have a go at chiming



Meanwhile Humpty Dumpty Brewery will be holding an open weekend and serving up their special brew for the occasion - "Heavy Metal".

And if you wonder why 'few have seen Reedham Bells' as in the front cover photo' it is because this view is looking down on them from a ladder when they are raised, and normally no-one will enter the Bell Chamber with bells 'Up' for safety reasons.

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Centrally located, opposite the Co-op Well equipped kitchen with cooker and 'fridge To hire contact Mrs Page - 01493 751125 or 0794 7889 652 Andrew 'Pav' Taylor, a former Officer of the Royal Army Medical Corps and current Norfolk Armed Forces Commissioner, gave a spell binding presentation to an audience of 20 people. Hearing his amazing life story of bravery and compassion sprinkled with humour throughout was an absolute honour.

In view of the low numbers attending, Andrew very kindly suggested that the collection of £34.63 should be donated to branch funds instead of Help for Heroes.

With the 80th Anniversary of VE Day coming up, we will not have a guest speaker in May, but a normal branch meeting will still take place on Wednesday 7th May starting at 7.15pm in the Bure Room, Acle Recreation Centre. You do not need to be a member of the RBL or ex services to attend. Tea & coffee provided or Social Club Bar is open for other refreshments. Come along and see what we get involved in.

For further information, please contact Jayne Smith on 07584 825749 or by email jaynesmith 15@btinternet.com

Cantley & District W.I.

Our next meeting will take place on Wednesday 21st May at 7.30pm in Cantley Village Hall. Our speaker will be Brenda O'Dowd J. P. who will be talking about The Role of Magistracy. For more information contact Barbara on 07789845050. New members always very welcome.

Answer to the Pathfinder Puzzle

Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do. Luke 23 v 34 Verily I say unto thee, today shalt thou be with me in paradise. Luke 23 v 43 Woman, behold thy son. Behold thy mother. John 19 vs 26 & 27 My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me. Matthew 27 v46/Mark 15 v 34 I thirst. John 19 v 28 It is finished. John 19 v 30 Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit. Luke 23 v 46.

Lyndsay Fisher

Reedham Belles (Reedham and District WI)

We rolled our sleeves up at the April meeting and came armed with vases, greenery and gloves to enjoy an evening of flower arranging, led by one of our own talented members. Diane taught us some basic principles of shape and composition and then guided us through the process of creating our own designs. Do follow us on Facebook to see the end results! Book club had a brief chat about literature this month before settling down to a screening of "The Book Club", accompanied by much laughter and obligatory food and wine. Later in April we will be walking locally in Reedham in support of one of our charities, ACWW, which assists women in rural communities throughout the world, we will be lunching in Norwich and trying our hand at ten pin bowling, and of course continuing our regular choir sessions.

Our speaker in May is Stephen Amer, who will be talking to us about singing for wellbeing. Do join us in Reedham Village Hall on Tuesday 6th May at 7 for 7.30pm. Marion Small reedhamwi@outlook.com

MAY CALENDAR

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Reedham Charity: The Fishermen's Mission

Weekly

Tuesdays 9.30am Ecumenical Morning Prayer – Acle Methodist Church (except 20th) 1.30pm Reedham Over Fifties Club – Reedham Village Hall

Saturdays 5.00pm Roman Catholic Mass - Acle Church

Saturday 3rd 10.30am – 12.30pm All Saints' Drop-in & Parish Meeting – Beighton

SUNDAY 4th 3rd of EASTER

9.30am Morning Prayer - HalvergateI I.00am Morning Worship - Acle

I I.00am Morning Worship – FreethorpeI I.00am Holy Communion – Reedham

Tuesday 6th 7.30pm Reedham & District W.I. – Reedham Village Hall

Wednesday 7th 7.15pm Acle & District R.B.L. in the Bure Rooms,

Acle Recreation Centre

7.30pm Women's Night Out – Freethorpe Village Hall

Thursday 8th 7.30pm Acle Evening W.I. – Acle Parish Rooms

Friday 9th & 7.30pm 'Land of Hope and Glory' (RCA Stage School) – Saturday 10th Reedham Village Hall

Saturday 10th 9.00am to Noon Farmers' Market – Acle Church Hall

SUNDAY 11th 4th of EASTER

9.30am Benefice Holy Communion – Reedham followed by 11.00am Joint Annual Parochial Church Meeting.

Monday 12th 7.30pm Reedham Parish Council – Reedham Village Hall

Tuesday 13th 7.30pm Bat Evening at Beighton Church (Presentation 8pm)

Friday 16th OUTLOOK COPY DATE

Saturday 17th Breakfast Café – Limpenhoe Village Hall

SUNDAY 18th 5th of EASTER

9.30am Holy Communion – Halvergate

I I.00am
 I I.30am
 Joint Christian Aid Holy Communion – Acle Methodist Church
 Bell Service – Reedham (see Bells 200 article for other details)

Monday 19th Mobile Library Day – Beighton, Limpenhoe and Cantley (No Mobile Library for Halvergate, Reedham and Freethorpe this month,)

Tuesday 20th 10.30am Monthly Service – Swallowtail Place Games Room. 9. Wednesday 21st 7.30pm Cantley & District W.I. – Cantley Village Hall 8.00pm Compline by Zoom

SUNDAY 25th 6th of EASTER

8.00am Holy Communion – Acle

9.30am Matins – Halvergate

10.30am Morning Prayer – Beighton11.00am Holy Communion – Reedham

3.30pm Pan Afro Band – Acle Church (Access 4 Acle)

Wednesday 28th 7.30pm Freethorpe Cash Bingo – Freethorpe Village Hall

Thursday 29th ASCENSION DAY

6.00pm Choral Eucharist with the ABY Choir – Norwich Cathedral

7.00pm Deanery Holy Communion – Postwick

Saturday 31st 10.30am – 12.30pm All Saints' Drop-in – Beighton Church

2.00pm – 5.00pm Reedham Community Open Day

- Reedham Village Hall

Looking forward into JUNE:-

SUNDAY 1st 7th of EASTER

9.30am Morning Prayer – Halvergate

9.30am Holy Communion – Wickhampton

11.00am Morning Worship - Acle

II.00am Holy Communion – FreethorpeII.00am Morning Prayer – Reedham



Our WI is a hive of activity, and we are always busy. Whether we are attending

All Saints Church Beighton

BAT EVENING TUESDAY 13 MAY

Join us to learn about the bats in and around Beighton Church

Refreshments from 7:30pm

Presentation from 8:00pm by Lindsey Bilston, Norfolk & Norwich Bat Group followed by a walk around the church with bat detectors

Free entry. Suggested donation £5pp

federation events or events we host local to Acle, we certainly have full diaries. March ended with our very successful craft day. Our special thanks go to our very own talented WI members who became our demonstrators for the day. It was a really super and rewarding day.

Our programme secretary has worked hard to bring us a diverse selection of guest speakers throughout this coming year. We were pleased to welcome Stephen Maunder from NCC, who joined us at our April meeting to pass on his sound advice and to remind us all of the possibilities of being scammed and, more importantly, how we can avoid those who are trying

to gain access to our lives, whether through technology, over the phone or even in a face-to-face meeting. In this age of advanced technology, it is always good to be reminded of what could happen in seconds.

Our next meeting takes place on May 8th, when our guest speaker will be Stephen Poulter, talking about Becoming a House Detective. We meet on the second Thursday of the month in The Church Rooms, Norwich Road, Acle, NR13 3BU. New members are always welcome; please contact the president, Frances Mobbs, on mobile 07780681865.

SATURDAY 5 JULY 2-4PM Strawberry Teas with musical accompaniment by **Tale Dolce Musica (Such Sweet Music)** on flute, oboe, bassoon and keyboard with pieces from the Baroque period including Handel, Bach, Telemann & Vivaldi with one or two Baroque "lollipops". Further details to follow in the June edition.

Cantley Flower Show (not just flowers!)

11.

This year's Show is on 6th September at Cantley Village Hall. We are pleased to welcome Dr. Andy Dilks, manager at Cantley Sugar Factory, to our Show to present the Trophies. Our photography subjects are :- The Night Sky, Churches, See the Wood for the Trees, Green, Water Sports, and Wild Animals. For Children the subject is Theme Parks. We look forward to seeing you then. In the meantime why not have a look at our website Cantley.org/flowershow. Robert

Firewood available - and Reedham Churchyard Clear

Reedham church has recently had to fell 2 trees in the churchyard. There is a considerable quantity of wood in the corner behind the church which could be used as firewood – some ash and fir, and lots of sycamore. Please help yourself and leave a contribution towards the cost of the tree surgery in the church (cash or cheque) or by QR Code or by direct payment – contact Kati for Bank details.

Thanks to the valiant band who turned up on the first wet day for weeks to gather up sticks and move logs in preparation for the churchyard mowing.

WNO - Wednesday 7th May at 7:30 Freethorpe Village Hall

All are welcome to WNO meeting on Wednesday May 7th at 7: 30pm in Freethorpe Village Hall when Norma Howell will give "An Introduction to Medical Dogs" explaining how it all started with these amazing dogs and the science behind their sniff!!

Medical Alert Dogs are trained to support people with life threatening health conditions, saving their lives on a daily basis and helping the NHS by keeping them out of hospital. Discover the impact of Bio Detection Dogs carry out groundbreaking research to improve early diagnosis of cancer and other diseases.

Freethorpe Cash Bingo

Cash prize Bingo on Wednesday 28^{th} May in Freethorpe Village Hall. Eyes down at 7.30 pm

This is in aid of All Saints Church Repair Fund.

Reedham Village Show

Sunday 31st August
Receiving entries from 8:30 to 11
Doors open to the public at 2:30
Exhibits include flowers, fruit, painting, photography and cookery.
Schedules will be delivered soon

Many thanks to the **OVER FIFTIES CLUB**You helped raise money to run the Art Exhibition in April. Christopher Woollands

REEDHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting held on Monday 7^{th} April 2025 in the Village Hall There were 10 Councillors present, the Clerk, District Councillor Nurden and 9 members of the public. The meeting commenced at 7.30pm.

D. Cllr Nurden reported that the consultation for the devolution process ends on 19th April and he encouraged everyone who wants to have their say to respond with their comments before that date.

A member of the public reported that Badger Building are not complying with the conditions of the build for Phase 2 of the Barn Owl Close development, including turning in the current Barn Owl Close. Cllr Hale requested that these problems are reported to the Council so that Badger Building can be notified.

Cllr Hale thanked everyone who participated in the litter pick on the 29th March. 20 volunteers took part, and 18 bags of litter were collected. It is hoped that this can continue on an informal basis and that a grant can be obtained to buy litter picking sticks for use in the village.

A new village sign has been made to be situated along Riverside. After discussion the suggested location for this is on the small grass area near the slipway. The Clerk to contact Broadland District Council to confirm suitability of location.

Options for publicising the Annual Parish Meeting were discussed. It will be advertised on the website, Facebook page and notice boards. The Council also decided to organise a leaflet drop in the village.

Speed sensor – In March the speed sensor was located on Freethorpe Road near Station Drive collecting data from traffic entering the village. The speed limit here is 30mph.

The 85th percentile was 32.8 mph; the average speed was 27.1 mph. The average vehicles per day was 529. Compared to the last time the speed sensor was at this location in September 2023 with an average of 369 vehicles per day, this shows quite a large increase in traffic.

The defibrillator located at the Humpty Dumpty brewery is now available for use and registered on the Circuit.

The Council discussed the possibility of installing bleed kits in the defibrillator cabinets at a cost of approximately £90 each. A member of the public, who acts as a first responder, pointed out that a bleed kit in a locked cabinet could not necessarily be accessed in time. A decision on bleed kits was deferred until the Clerk can provide the Council with more information.

The Clerk received an email regarding dangerous parking at the school. This has been referred to the headmistress, Beth Spaul, who will be reminding parents again about considerate and safe parking.

Time and Date of Next Meeting

The next scheduled meeting of the Parish Council is Monday I 2th April 2025 at 7.30pm, in the Village Hall lounge. Further details will be published on the website, Facebook page and notice board by the Doctors nearer the time. All parishioners are welcome to attend.

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held in Reedham Village 13. Hall at 7.30pm on Monday 28th April. Complimentary refreshments will be served at the end of the meeting.

REEDHAM ANNUAL GARAGE SALE. Sunday 6th July.

If you want to take part, please put £5 in an envelope, write your name, address and phone number on it and post through either 23 The Hills (Ann) or 2 School Hill (Theresa). As always all of this money goes to the School. Envelopes need to be in by 30^{th} June so we can print the map. I think we had 27 houses last year with some people who live further out of the Village 'borrowing' a more central front garden.

RECYCLING MEDICINE BLISTER PACKS

Boots the Chemist are now running a recycling scheme. Most major stores take them, you can check on the store website if uncertain.

We cannot have collection points in churches as previously, as the stores do not take sacks of packs. However we encourage you to take your own packs and post them in the boxes in the stores. If you register, Boots award points are available.

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ART EXHIBITION & ART SALE

Reedham Village Hall
Sunday 27th April 2025
1pm-4pm
EXHIBITORS WELCOME
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To commemorate the 80th Anniversary of VE Day RCA Theatre company & Stage School present Hope and Glory, a production about evacuees during WW2 at 7:30pm on the 9th and 10th of May. Tickets cost £6 for adults and £3.50 for kids. Refreshments, raffle and display of WW2 memorabilia.

Reedham Village Hall are having a community open day for clubs and local business on 31st May. Come along and find out what goes on in the local area. If you are interested in having a pitch please contact reedhamvillagehall@yahoo.co.uk

OVER FIFTIES & LOTTERY NEWS

What is happening? The time is flying by and we are half way through yet another month. The club has been busy and we are having our birthday buffet for members birthdays combined with our Easter raffle. We are having an all chocolate raffle and if all goes to plan every member will end up with an Easter egg.

Wendy Brister has been poorly this month so we have missed her at the club but she is now up and running again. We are just waiting for Monica to return, so come back soon Monica, we miss you.

We have two vacancies at the club so if you are thinking of joining now is the time: our club is open to all areas not just Reedham, so come and join us. Refreshments and a free raffle are included in your weekly sub. We play bingo for prizes and we also run a cash flyer. We would like to expand our card players, so if you like a game of whist come along. We have members' birthday buffets every month, a free calendar and also a free Christmas lunch at Acle Bridge, all for $\pounds 3$ – what have you got to lose!!

The yearly subscription Is £7 and the weekly subscription is £3. If you are unable to get to us, if we have a member living nearby, we will do our best to get you there if we can.

We meet every Tuesday at Reedham Village Hall so come along at 1.30pm, we will be pleased to see you. Meet old friends and make new ones.

LOTTERY NEWS

We run a bingo lottery to help raise our funds, and on Saturday April 12^{th} our jackpot was won by Helen Breeze. The prize was £277.20 and Helen very kindly gave the club a generous donation which we appreciate very much. So, this Saturday April 19^{th} we start a new game. You do not have to be a member to join, our jackpot is normally over £200 depending on how many weeks it runs for. If you would like to join please give me a ring; it is £1 per week. This helps to support our club and at Christmas we always give a donation to the Mens' Breakfast Club for their support to the prostrate cancer charity.

You have to be in it to win it!!

PAN AFRO BAND



Sunday 25th May 2025 3.30pm

St. Edmund's Church,
Norwich Road, Acle, NR13 3BU
£10 includes refreshments
In aid of 'Access 4 Acle'

For more information ring 07969 341943 or email access4acle@gmail.com





Above and Right You can't give up being Churchwarden just because you're 90, Rosemary - we celebrate Rosemary Whyborn's birthday at Beighton.



Left: Goodbye to the big sycamore in Reedham Churchyard. Firewood available in return for a donation to Church Funds.



Above: Andrew 'Pav' Taylor, a former Officer of the Royal Medical Corps, speaking to the Acle & District R.B.L .

Middle Right: Ladies' Christian Link at their meeting at Grove Barns, the home of the Sisters of Bethany.



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